



FRANKLIN COUNTY WA

FRANKLIN COUNTY C.A.R.E.S. ACT CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Franklin County Childcare Assistance Grant offers funding support to childcare providers attempting to operate under the current Safe Start Washington Program. The County believes that provision of adequate childcare is fundamental to the reopening of our schools, businesses and the local economy. While the County recognizes the need in the community is more than just monetary, and there are insufficient resources to mitigate all of the damage caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, we are hopeful that these grants may provide at least some measure of support as providers operate under these considerably different circumstances.

All providers operating in Franklin County meeting the criteria below will be considered for funding. The County is providing grant funds on a first come, first served basis. Once the funding has been exhausted no additional grants will be offered under this program.

Total Funding Available: \$500,000

Maximum award amounts:

Individual grant amounts will be determined by the total licensed capacity for each provider on a per site basis per the table below. Providers with multiple sites will submit a single application listing all the sites at which they are requesting funds.

Licensed Capacity	Maximum Funding Amount
0-12	\$7,500
13-49	\$15,000
50-99	\$30,000
100+	\$60,000

Eligible providers:

- Licensed childcare provider in Washington State
- Physical location in Franklin County
- Valid State and/or local business license as required by law
- Currently open and providing care to at least one child
- Is not debarred from receiving state and/or federal funds

Ineligible providers:

- Providers owned by an employee or officer of Franklin County
- Providers that are permanently or temporarily closed

Eligible Uses of Program Grant Funds:

- Expenses incurred related to COVID-19 between April 1, 2020 and November 30, 2020.
- Payment of rent or required monthly loan payments.
- Payments of regular wages, employee benefits and taxes; provided such expenses have not been and, to the best knowledge of the Recipient, will not be reimbursed under any federal, state or regional program, including any grant or loan programs.
- Expenditures involved in typical operating costs, including those set forth on an income statement as a regular, ongoing cost of operating the business.
- Typical draws or wages paid on a regular interval to the owner; provided such draws

or wages are consistent with those paid to the owner in previous corresponding quarters, years or other appropriate time intervals.

- f. Expenses for compliance with COVID-19-related public health measures, including personal protective equipment and supplies, plexiglass barriers or other similar equipment and expenses reasonably necessary for the protection of public health and the health of Recipient owners and employees.

Ineligible Uses of Program Grant Funds:

- a. Expenses incurred not related to COVID-19 or outside of the April 1, 2020 to November 30, 2020 eligibility window.
- b. Political campaign contributions or donations.
- c. Charitable contributions or gifts.
- d. Bonus payments to Recipient owners, officers or employees.
- e. Payment of wages to any member of the Recipient owner's family who is not a bona fide employee.
- f. Draws or salary to Recipient owner that exceeds the amount paid over a corresponding interval, quarter, or year in 2019.
- g. Paydown or payoff of debt by more than the monthly amount required by the underlying debt instrument.
- h. Payroll and other employee- or business-associated costs for which the Recipient has received or expects to receive reimbursement from other federal, state or regional funds (e.g. Payroll Protection Program or unemployment insurance).
- i. Damages covered by insurance.
- j. Reimbursement to donors for donated items or services.
- k. Severance pay.
- l. Legal settlements.
- m. Any expenses not considered an eligible business expenses by the Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service.

Application Deadline:

Grants will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. Applications will be processed in the order in which they are received. All applications must be submitted no later than 11:59PM on November 10, 2020. Applications received after that time and date will not be considered.

Application Submittal:

Applications must be submitted digitally in PDF format. Email applications to covid-19childcare@co.franklin.wa.us. Due to the nature of electronic submittals some applications may be intercepted by the County's firewall system. The County will attempt to notify all applicants that their submittal was received, however, it is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure their materials arrive on time at the appropriate location.

Questions:

All questions regarding eligibility or the application process shall be submitted in writing to covid-19childcare@co.franklin.wa.us. For technical assistance completing the application and/or translation services please contact the local branch of the Childcare Aware listed on the application form.